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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: CHARLESTON SPEECH

REF: WATCH LIST JULY 25

1. LIBERAL DAGENS NYHETER JULY 25: "... THE NEW AMERICAN PRESIDENT SEEMS ANXIOUS TO EXPLAIN HIMSELF SO THAT DETENTE AND DISARMAMENT ARE NOT INJURED SERIOUSLY. HIS CONVERSATION RECENTLY WITH THE WEST GERMAN CHANCELLOR, AS WITH THE FRENCH PRESIDENT'S REMARKABLY HARD STATEMENT IN THE AMERICAN NEWS MAGAZINE, NEWSWEEK, HAS OBVIOUSLY DISTURBED CARTER...BUT IF JIMMY CARTER SHALL SUCCEED IN CREATING A MORE BASIC UNDERSTANDING IN THE WORLD FOR AN EMPHASIS ON MORALITY AND HUMAN RIGHTS, HE HAS TO TAKE SERIOUSLY THE TALK OF THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN RIGHTS IN HIS OWN COUNTRY. UP TO NOW THE MOST THAT HAS BEEN DONE WAS TO ELIMINATE THE TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS FOR AMERICAN CITIZENS TO CERTAIN COMMUNIST STATES. BUT HUMAN RIGHTS CONCERNS MUCH MORE... A USA WHICH IS STRONG IN THE WORLD MUST BEGIN BY BEING STRONG AT HOME, CARTER SAID WITH USUAL AMERICAN RHETORIC IN HIS CAMPAIGN SPEECH LAST FALL... SO FAR THE NEW ADMINISTRATION'S

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DOMESTIC POLICY HAS BEEN A DISAPPOINTMENT."

2. MODERATE SVENSKA DAGBLADET JULY 24: "IT WAS RUMORED IN WASHINGTON THAT PRESIDENT CARTER HAD THOUGHT TO LET ... VANCE ... APPEAR WITH A SPEECH SEEKING TO DO SOMETHING ABOUT THE GRIM CLIMATE BETWEEN USA AND THE SOVIET UNION. OBVIOUSLY THE PRESIDENT HAS CONSIDERED THE DETERIORATING RELATIONS TO

BE SUCH THAT HE CONSIDERED IT MOST APPROPRIATE TO TAKE CARE OF  
IT HIMSELF ... ONE PART OF CARTER'S STATEMENT IN CHARLESTON  
SEEMED ALMOST TO BE A DIRECT ANSWER TO WHAT GISCARD  
HAD SAID. BUT IF THE SPEECH OBVIOUSLY WAS CONSIDERED TO  
PUT THINGS RIGHT AND SET ASIDE MISUNDERSTANDINGS SO WAS  
THE UNDERTONE AT THE SAME TIME VERY FIRM. (WRITER SUMMARIZES  
PORTIONS OF SPEECH HERE, THEN CONTINUES.) "HE ALSO NAMES AREAS  
WHERE NEGOTIATIONS ARE UNDERWAY ... AMONG OTHERS ABOUT A TOTAL  
BAN ON NUCLEAR WEAPONS TESTS ... AND IT WAS A SURPRISINGLY  
LONG LIST ... YET IT WAS THE CONCILIATORY TONE WHICH  
DOMINATED. CARTER HAD BECOME VERY INTERESTED IN BREZHNEV'S  
WORDS RECENTLY ABOUT FIRMLY BELIEVING 'THAT REALISM  
IN POLITICS AND THE WISH FOR DETENTE WILL FINALLY TRIUMPH SO  
THAT HUMANITY CAN GO INTO A NEW CENTURY UNDER MORE  
STABLE PEACE CONDITIONS THAN EVER BEFORE.' CARTER SAID  
HE BELIEVES IN THAT SINCERITY IN BREZHNEV'S WORDS. IT  
DOES NOT SEEM BELIEVABLE THAT THE AMERICAN PRESIDENT WILL  
WRITE MORE LETTERS TO SACHAROV OR OTHER SO-CALLED RUSSIAN  
DISSIDENTS."  
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